

Legislative Fiscal Bureau

Fiscal Note

HF 624 - Farm Deer II (LSB 2435 HV)

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Fiscal Note Version — New

Description

House File 624 provides several policy changes to the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, including but not limited to the following:

- Creates Chapter 170, Code of Iowa, regarding regulation of farm deer and adds white tail deer and mule deer to the definitions of “farm deer” and “livestock.”
- Establishes the Farm Deer Council consisting of seven members that are appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture.
- Requires the Department to certify farm deer operators and specifies farm deer are maintained in an enclosed area with fencing approved by the Department.
- Allows farm deer operators to release farm deer after notification to the Department of Natural Resources.
- Specifies process for revoking a farm deer operator’s certification.
- Allows the Department of Natural Resources to investigate violations related to fish and game laws.
- Specifies the fines and penalties related to farm deer.
- Specifies hunting preserve and game breeders are automatically certified if animals are maintained in an approved fenced area.

Assumptions

1. By adding white tail deer and mule deer to the State definition of “livestock,” the Meat and Poultry Inspection Bureau will be required to perform post mortem inspections on farm deer if the resulting meat is sold for food in Iowa.
2. As white tail deer and mule deer are not included in the federal definition of “livestock,” the inspections will have to be paid with State funds.
3. The Department will require an additional 3.0 FTE positions.

Fiscal Impact

The annual fiscal impact of HF 624 is an increase in General Fund expenditures of approximately \$175,000 to the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship. Revenue associated with collection of fines is expected to be minimal. The breakdown of the estimated expenditures is as follows:

	<u>FY 2004</u>	<u>FY 2005</u>
Expenditures:		
Salaries	\$ 145,000	\$ 148,000
Miscellaneous Expense	1,000	1,000
Travel Expenditures	9,000	9,000
Equipment	4,000	0
Vehicle	15,000	0
Depreciation	0	15,000
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 174,000</u>	<u>\$ 173,000</u>

Sources

Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship
Department of Human Rights, Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning Division
Judicial Branch

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The fiscal note and correctional impact statement for this bill was prepared pursuant to Joint Rule 17 and pursuant to Section 2.56, Code of Iowa. Data used in developing this fiscal note and correctional impact statement are available from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to members of the Legislature upon request.
